

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A method comprising ~~the steps of:~~
providing a federation of computers and computing devices, said federation appearing as a single system to a user of said federation;
providing a first service, said first service participating in said federation;
initiating a request for a said first service; said request being initiated by said user via a second service, said second service participating in said federation;
requesting authentication of said second service, said authentication being requested by said first service;
presenting authentication, said authentication being presented by said second service;
verifying said authentication, said authentication being verified by said first service; and
granting access to said first service, thereby enabling said second service to said first service
~~transmitting said request for a service; and~~
~~authenticating said request for a service.~~
2. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising collecting payment for said first service via said federation.

3. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 3, without prejudice.

4. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 4, without prejudice.

5. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1 4, wherein said second service is a cellular phone.

6. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1 4, wherein said second service is a Personal Data Assistant.

7. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1 4, wherein said second service is a smart card.

8. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 8, without prejudice.

9. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~step of authenticating~~ requesting authentication further comprises:

generating a digital signature; and
verifying said digital signature with a public certificate.

10. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 10, without prejudice.

11. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 11, without prejudice.

12. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 12, without prejudice.

13. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 13, without prejudice.

14. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 14, without prejudice.

15. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 15, without prejudice.

16. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 16, without prejudice.

17. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 17, without prejudice.

18. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 18, without prejudice.

19. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 19, without prejudice.

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20. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 20, without
prejudice.